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DELIVER TO NEA/ARN/DRAPER AT OPENING OF BUSINESS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: 0900 LEBANON REPORT

1. KARAME HAS MEGED TH THE FORE AGAIN, WITH SERIES OF ANNOUNCEMENTS FOLLOWING CABINET MEETING YESTERDAY PRE-SIDED OVER BY FRANGIE. ANNOUNCING CONFIDENCE IN THE ARMY, HE TALKED GENERALLY ABOUT RE-EQUIPPING IT. ARMY HAS TAKEN OVER RESPONSIBILITY FOR SECURITY OF CENTRAL AREAS OF THE CITY, ROUGHLY COVERING SO-CALLED "GREEN ZONE". THIS FITS IN GEENERALLY WITH REDUCED VISIBILITY OF PLA FORCES OVER PAST DAY OR TWO, WHICH ARE EASILY PICKED OUT FROM OTHER PALESTINIAN FORCES BY THEIR SYRIAN STYLE ARMY HELMETS. WHILE WE HAVE PRETTY ACCURATE REPORT ON FOUR NEW MOSLEM BODIES BEING DISCOVERED, AND UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT AS MANY AS 25 PEOPLE MAY HAVE BEEN KIDNAPPED, NONE OF THIS IS IN THE PRESS AND, JUDGING BY TRAFFIC FLOW PEOPLE ARE REGAINING THEIR CONFIDENCE IN CITY SECURITY.

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2. NOTHING SPECIAL TO REPORT UP COUNTRY.LOCAL UNHCR REPRESENTATIVE DROVE WITHOUT INCIDENT ALONG COAST ROAD DOWN FROM TURKISH BORDER YESTERDAY; HE WAS OF COURSE FLYING UN FLAG AND CAR WITH TURKISH DIPLOMATIC PLATES.

3. KARAME ALSO ANNOUNCED ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION HEADED BY MINISTER GHASSAN TUENI TO GET GOVERNMENT OFFICES WORKING AGAIN. TUENI HIMSELF MADE RECOMMENDATION FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF RECONSTRUCTION COUNCIL TO PLAN REHABILITATION OF THE ECONOMY. SCHOOLS

AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES TO OPEN NEXT WEEK.

KARAME IS TALKING OF A BROADENED GOVERNMENT IN NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE. MEANWHILE KHADDAM HAS RETURNED AND IT WOULD APPEAR SYRIANS HAVE DECIDED TO KEEP A HIGH LEVEL PERSON IN CONTACT WITH LEBANESE AUTHORITIES HERE AT ALL TIMES. TIMING OF FRANGIE TRIP TO DAMASCUS VARIOUSLY PUT AS NEXT TUESDAY, NEXT MONDAY OR EARLIER. ONE REPORT HAS IT SPECIAL CABINET MEETING NEXT MONDAY WILL DECIDE.

4. SO CALLED LEBANESE ARAB ARMY UNDER LEADERSHIP OF REBELLIOUS ARMY OFFICER FROM SIDON AREA, WHICH ATTACKED TROOPS RETURNING FROM ESCORT OF KHADDAM TUESDAY SEEMS TO HAVE EVAPORATED AND OFFICER HIMSELF IS REPORTEDLY UNDER ARREST IN SYRIA, TO BE TRIED BY MILITARY TRIBUNAL, PRESIDED OVER BY VICE MINISTER JAMIL. INTERNAL SECURITY FORCES HERE ARE STILL DEMORALIZED AND SPLIT ALONG COMMUNAL LINES. MY HOPE IS THAT DUE ACCOUNT OF THESE REALITIES WILL BE TAKEN BY LEBANESE AND SYRIAN POLICY

MAKERS DESPITE LAUDABLE DESIRE BEING MANIFESTED ON ALL SIDES TO REMOVE APPEARANCE OF SYRIAN CONTROL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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